



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 02860.0791

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tohru KIMURA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2627  
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Application No.: 10/826,524 ) Examiner: DANIELSEN, Nathan Andrew  
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Filed: April 19, 2004 )  
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For: Optical Pickup Device, Optical ) Confirmation No.: 1958  
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Information Recording and )  
Reproducing Apparatus, Expander )  
Lens, Coupling Lens and )  
Chromatic Aberration Correcting )  
Optical Element )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are set forth on page 14 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 15 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement  
drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper and are also illustrated in  
the attached annotated drawing sheet.

**Remarks** follow the Amendments.

**Attachments** to this amendment include an Amended Abstract.